

# GENESIS

begin. belong. believe.

## 'Chosen'

([part VII of 'Colossians' – 8/19/12](#))

### Big idea

If Jesus is greater than everything else, then our response should reflect this. A major part of responding to this news is taking off the old self and being clothed with Jesus ([Colossians 3:12](#)). This means we **(1)** confess our need and sin, **(2)** give God permission to take the old, and **(3)** ask God to work in us. This leads to peace and finding ourselves in Christ alone.

### Discussion Questions

1. Often we hang on to the old life because it's comfortable and familiar. What areas of your old life are you hanging on to – anger, bitterness, pride, selfishness? Take some time to share/confess with one another not only what areas you might be hanging on to, but why.
2. If you were to clothe yourself with: compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, patience, forbearing and forgiving others ([Col. 3:12-14](#)), how would your relationships begin to transform? How might being dressed like this help you reach those who are far from God come close to God? What are some practical ways in which you can be reminded to dress like this daily, rather than just on special occasions?
3. If we are clothed in Christ we'll have peace in our lives. Do you live with a sense of peace, or is anxiety more characteristic of your life? What makes you anxious and what does that reveal about your trust in Christ?
4. In [Colossians 3:16-18](#), the Apostle Paul encourages us to let the Word of Christ dwell in us and to encourage and admonish one another. How are you doing that? How is your Community Group doing at this? What are some practical ways in which you can admonish/encourage those in your Community Group? How would those in your Community Group admonish/encourage you?

### Announcements –

- **Get Drenched** – Sunday, September 9<sup>th</sup> – if you'd like to be baptized at Get Drenched 2012, please contact Michael Davis at [md4jc@genesisthejourney.com](mailto:md4jc@genesisthejourney.com). There will be a baptism class held on Sunday, August 26<sup>th</sup> immediately following the 2<sup>nd</sup> service.
- **I Love the Church** – the final class in the I Love the Church series is this Sunday, August 26<sup>th</sup> at 5:30PM. We will cover the Church, and what it means to be in covenant community.
- **GENESIS App** – keep up w/all things GENESIS by downloading the NEW GENESIS App – you can download the App for your iPhone (iPad/iTouch) or Droid device by going to: <http://get.thechurchapp.org/share/genesis>